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SUBJ: CDS LEADER REVIEWS PARTY POSITION

REF: LISBON 8237

SUMMARY: CDS LEADER BASILIO HORTA TOLD EMBOFF HIS PARTY
WAS WILLING TO CONSIDER ANY PS OFFER FOR AN AGREEMENT
AMONG DEMOCRATIC PARTIES. THE CENTER DEMOCRATS ARE MORE
DISPOSED TO COMPROMISE THAN THEIR PUBLIC STANCE INDICATES.
END SUMMARY.

1. CDS SECRETARY GENERAL BASILIO HORTA MADE THE FOLLOWING
POINTS IN AN OCTOBER 25 CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY OFFICER:
-- CDS STILL FLEXIBLE: DESPITE THE CDS'S PUBLIC
INSISTENCE UPON INCLUSION OF THE PSD IN A POLITICAL PLATFORM
(REFTEL), THE CDS IS WILLING TO CONSIDER ANY PS OFFER FOR AN
AGREEMENT AMONG THE DEMOCRATIC PARTIES. NO REAL NEGOTIATIONS,
HOWEVER, HAVE TAKEN PLACE. MARIO SOARES OFFERS CONCESSIONS
ONE DAY ONLY TO WITHDRAW THEM THE NEXT.
-- PROBLEMS WITH EANES SPEECH: DESPITE PUBLIC CDS
EXPRESSIONS OF SATISFACTION WITH PRESIDENT EANES'S
OCTOBER 15 SPEECH, THE PARTY IS CONCERNED WITH SPEECH'S
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LEFTIST CAST AND WITH THE PRESIDENT'S STRESS ON HIS
RESPONSIBILITY TO THE ARMED FORCES. THE SPEECH SHOWS
THE INFLUENCE OF MELO ANTUNES. CDS PRESIDENT FREITAS DO
AMARAL TOLD EANES PRIVATELY LAST WEEK THAT HIS SPEECH
HAD GIVEN ALL THE WRONG SIGNALS AND HAD MADE AN AGREEMENT
AMONG THE PARTIES LESS LIKELY.
-- PS-INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT LIKELY: IN THE SHORT

TERM THE PRESIDENT IS LIKELY TO BACK A REORGANIZED
GOVERNMENT OF SOCIALISTS AND INDEPENDENTS.

-- SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC MEASURES; THE CENTER DEMOCRATS
REALIZE THAT SOME ECONOMIC CONTRACTION IS NECESSARY TO
REDUCE THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICIT. CENTER DEMOCRATS
HOWEVER WILL NEVER SUPPORT TOUGH AUSTERITY MEASURES UNLESS
THEY HAVE A HAND IN MAKING POLICY.

2. COMMENT: THE CDS HARDENED ITS PUBLIC STANCE TO
PRESSURE THE PS. PRIVATELY THE CENTER DEMOCRATS ARE
WILLING TO ACCEPT LESS IN ORDER TO HAVE AN INFLUENCE
OVER POLICY. THE CDS IS UNWILLING, HOWEVER, TO PUBLICLY
SHOW ANY SIGN OF "SOFTNESS" IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PS
FOR FEAR THIS MIGHT LEAVE THEM OPEN TO RAIDS ON THEIR
RANK AND FILE BY A MORE HARD LINE PSD.
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